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In re application of: George E. BITTNER  
Application No.: 09/931,607  
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FOR A HEAT ENGINE

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2002, Applicant elects to prosecute on the merits the species related to Figures 1 and 2 of the Application. The claim 1 through and including claim 79 are readable thereon the elected species related to Figures 1 and 2.

There are no further changes to this Application, including:

**In the Specification:**

There are no amendments.

**In the Claims:**

There are no amendments.

Remarks

Applicant believes that the elected set of claims is in condition for allowance and earnestly requests that the claims pass to issue. If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicant's attorney would aid in the examination of the application, the Examiner is requested

to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees not included herewith to Deposit Account 501-546.

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